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DURING THE DARK DAYS OF THE EARLY 1940S, A COVERT MILITARY EXPERIMENT TURNED STEVE ROGERS INTO AMERICA'S FIRST SUPER-SOLDIER, CAPTAIN AMERICA. THROUGHOUT THE WAR, CAP AND HIS PARTNER BUCKY FOUGHT ALONGSIDE OUR INFANTRY AND WITH A GROUP OF HEROES KNOWN AS THE INVADERS. IN THE CLOSING MONTHS OF WWII, CAPTAIN AMERICA AND BUCKY WERE BOTH PRESUMED DEAD IN AN EXPLOSION OVER THE ENGLISH CHANNEL.

DECADES LATER, A FIGURE WAS FOUND TRAPPED IN ICE, AND CAPTAIN AMERICA WAS REVIVED. HAVING SLEPT THROUGH THE MAJORITY OF THE 20TH CENTURY, STEVE ROGERS AWAKENED TO A WORLD HE NEVER IMAGINED, A WORLD WHERE WAR HAD MOVED FROM THE BATTLEFIELD TO THE CITY STREETS...A WORLD IN DIRE NEED OF...

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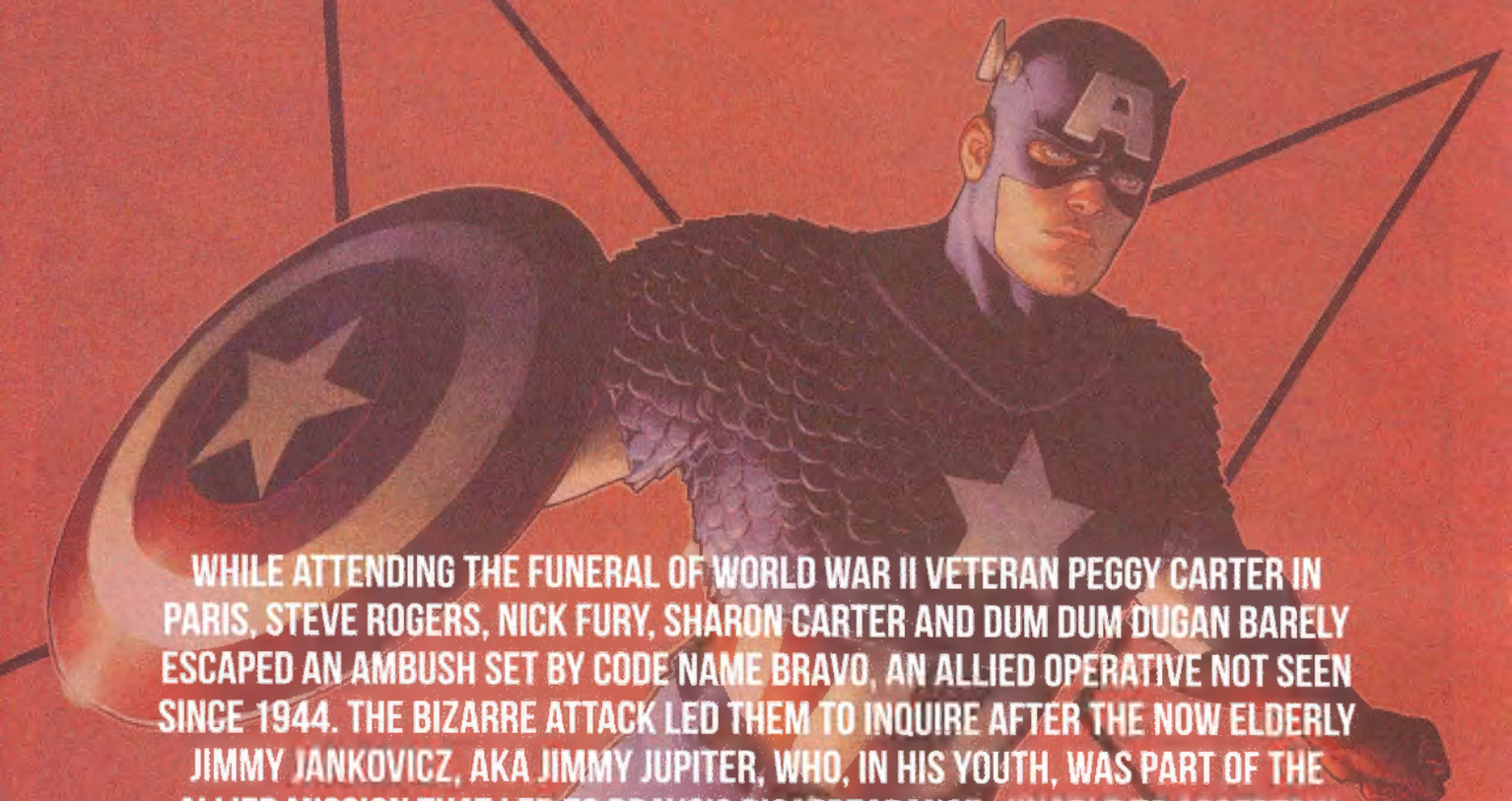

WHILE ATTENDING THE FUNERAL OF WORLD WAR II VETERAN PEGGY CARTER IN PARIS, STEVE ROGERS, NICK FURY, SHARON CARTER AND DUM DUM DUGAN BARELY ESCAPED AN AMBUSH SET BY CODE NAME BRAVO, AN ALLIED OPERATIVE NOT SEEN SINCE 1944. THE BIZARRE ATTACK LED THEM TO INQUIRE AFTER THE NOW ELDERLY JIMMY JANKOVICZ, AKA JIMMY JUPITER, WHO, IN HIS YOUTH, WAS PART OF THE ALLIED MISSION THAT LED TO BRAVO'S DISAPPEARANCE. UNABLE TO ASCERTAIN ANYTHING FROM THE NOW-CATATONIC JANKOVICZ, THE TEAM WAS AMBUSHED IN THE PARKING LOT BY WHAT SEEMED TO BE HYDRA AGENTS IN HIGH-TECH SUITS, WHO THEN PROCEEDED TO KIDNAP JANKOVICZ. MEANWHILE, IN AN UNDISCLOSED LOCATION, BRAVO MET WITH BARON ZEMO AND OFFERED HIM A PART IN HIS PLOT TO DESTROY CAPTAIN AMERICA.

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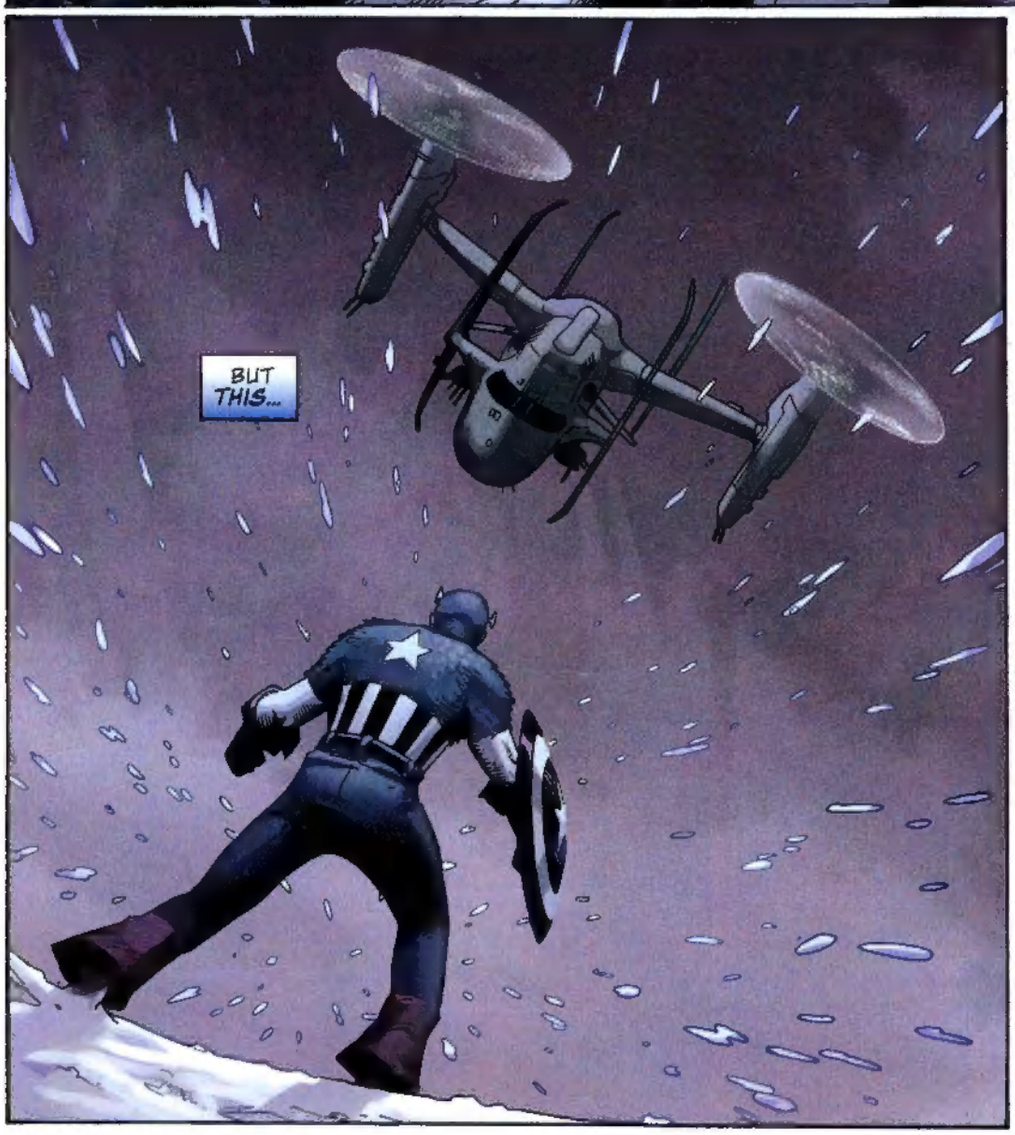
HE CAN'T REMEMBER HOW LONG HE'S WALKED ACROSS THIS... WILDERNESS?
IS IT WILDERNESS?
OR IS IT A WASTELAND?
HE SHOULD KNOW THAT.
SO... SOMETHING'S DEFINITELY NOT RIGHT HERE.

BUT HE KNOWS HE'S THOUGHT THAT BEFORE. HE'S THOUGHT THAT A MILLION TIMES.
HE TELLS HIMSELF IT'S NOT REAL...IT'S A NIGHTMARE LOOP.

AND WHAT BETTER NIGHTMARE? CAPTAIN AMERICA LOST IN THE GREAT FREEZE...
...FOREVER AND...
...WHAT ARE--?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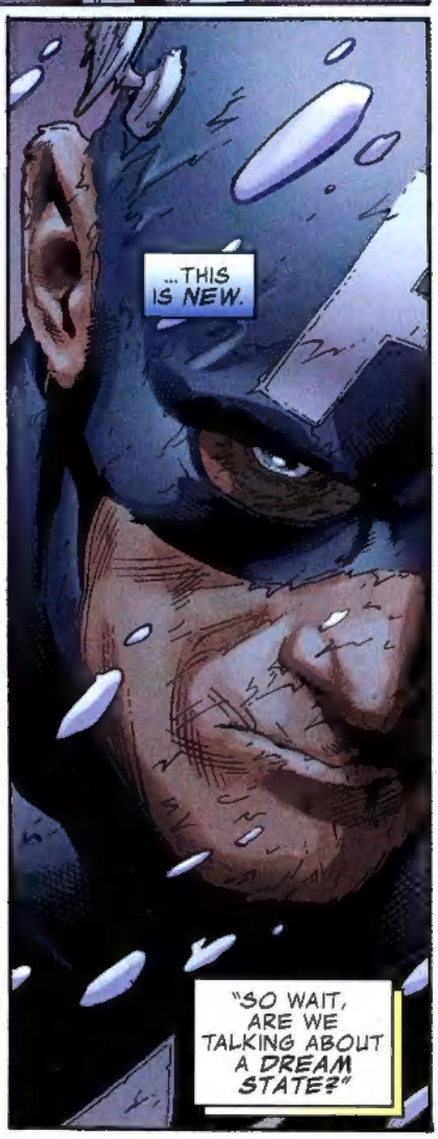

...THIS IS NEW.
"SO WAIT, ARE WE TALKING ABOUT A DREAM STATE?"

NOT EXACTLY, SHARON... ALTHOUGH DOC STRANGE MIGHT DISAGREE ON THAT.
BUT OUR SCIENCE GUYS SAID IT WAS A SLIPSTREAM SPACE...
...A DIMENSION BETWEEN LAYERS OF REALITY...
JIMMY JUPITER CALLED IT THE LAND OF NOWHERE...
"...AN' HE WAS ITS KING.
"HE MAY'VE BEEN AN EARLY MUTANT, WE DON'T KNOW...
"BUT SOMEHOW, THE KID HAD THE ABILITY TO ENTER THIS SURREAL PLACE...
"AN' EVEN SHAPE IT WITH HIS IMAGINATION.

"AND HE COULD BRING STUFF IN AND OUT WITH HIM.
"THAT'S HOW HE GOT FOUND OUT..."

...BROUGHT SOME DAMN TWO-HEADED CAT TO SCHOOL.
AND THAT'S HOW DUM DUM AND BRAVO'S TEAM WAS INFILTRATING THE HYDRA BASE?

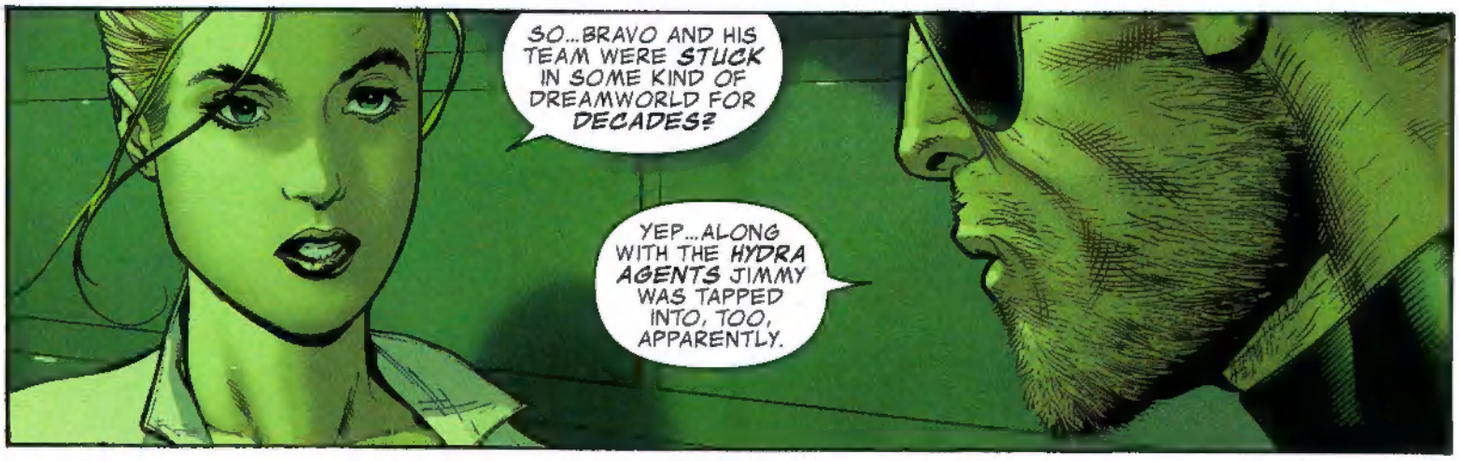
YES. BECAUSE INSIDE HIS LAND OF NOWHERE...
...JIMMY COULD TOUCH PEOPLE'S DREAMS IF HE TRIED.

AND THAT WAS OUR SECRET PASSAGE INTO THIS HIDDEN BASE.
JIMMY'D HOME IN ON A FEW OF THEIR AGENTS' DREAMS...

...THEN LEAD OUR GUYS ACROSS NOWHERE TO THEM.
AN' OPEN A PORTAL ON THE OTHER SIDE.
WELL... THAT WAS THE PLAN, AT LEAST.
DAMN IT.
IT WASN'T OUR FAULT, ROGERS.
HE WASN'T OUR GUY.
I STILL SHOULD'VE SEEN IT...BUT I WAS DISTRACTED.
BUCKY WOULD'VE SEEN IT.
ENOUGH.
IT WAS SIXTY-FIVE YEARS AGO.
WHAT HAPPENED?

"WHAT HAPPENED WAS, IT WAS GOING LIKE CLOCKWORK.
"YOUR AUNT PEGGY AN' CAP STORMED ZEMO'S FORTRESS...
"...JUST AS JIMMY WAS LEADING TEAM TWO INTO HIS NOWHERE LAND..."
GOOD GOD. THOSE ARE... THEY'RE...
DON'T LOOK AT THEM. DON'T ATTRACT THEIR ATTENTION.
YEAH... I DUNNO ABOUT THIS, KID.
I'LL BE RIGHT BEHIND YOU, CORPORAL DUGAN.
CROSS MY HEART AN' HOPE TO--

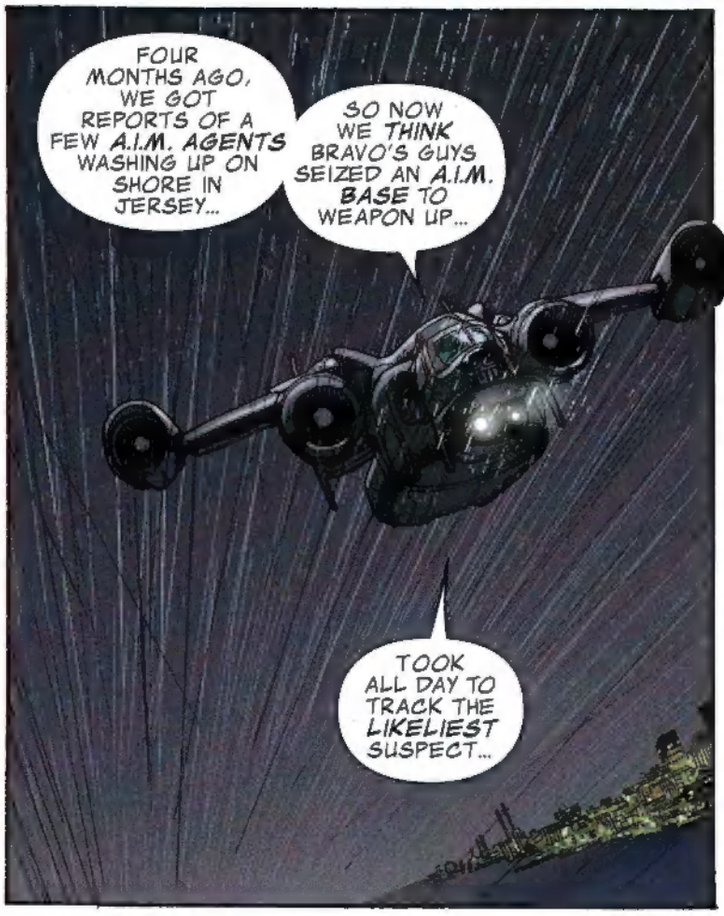
"BUT THE RESISTANCE HAD A SPY IN THEIR MIDST."
DIE!
KID!
KNNNCH
"WE WEREN'T PREPARED FOR THAT."
HAIL--
...HYDRA...
SHHKK
KID... C'MON, KID... DON'T BE DEAD...
YA CAN'T BE...
AH, CRAP...
THE PORTAL.


SO...BRAVO AND HIS TEAM WERE STUCK IN SOME KIND OF DREAMWORLD FOR DECADES?
YEP...ALONG WITH THE HYDRA AGENTS JIMMY WAS TAPPED INTO, TOO, APPARENTLY.

JIMMY WAS IN A COMA, SO WE HAD NO WAY TO GET THEM OUT...
AND NO IDEA WHAT KIND OF HELL THAT PLACE WAS WITHOUT HIM CONTROLLING IT.

CLEARLY TIME DIDN'T WORK THE SAME, SINCE THEY HAVEN'T AGED.
IT COULD HAVE FELT LIKE CENTURIES TO THEM.
WELL, YOU CAN ASK THEM IN A MINUTE, ROGERS.

ARE YOU SURE THIS IS THEM?
NOT SURE...BUT I'D BET ON IT.
THEY BEEN OUT SIX MONTHS, BUT THEIR TECH IS CUTTING EDGE.


FOUR MONTHS AGO, WE GOT REPORTS OF A FEW A.I.M. AGENTS WASHING UP ON SHORE IN JERSEY...
SO NOW WE THINK BRAVO'S GUYS SEIZED AN A.I.M. BASE TO WEAPON UP...
TOOK ALL DAY TO TRACK THE LIKELIEST SUSPECT...

THAT FACTORY BUILDING ABOUT TWO-HUNDRED FEET BELOW TO THE NORTH?
I CAN'T SEE IT YET...BUT YEAH.
HOW'D YOU KNOW?
AH, CRUD..
THEY JUST SHOT AT US.
EVASIVE ACTION!
SO MUCH FOR THE STEALTH APPROACH!
SEE YOU ON THE GROUND.
GET ME A TARGET LOCK, DAMN IT. WE MISSED.
SOMETHING'S THE WAY... WHAT IS--
KWAAM
FSSSHH

THEY'RE HERE!
WE'VE BEEN BREACHED!
RATATATAT ATATATAT
KA-THOOM

WE GOT YOUR BACK, CAP!
GET INSIDE-- BREAK THEIR LINE!
WAY AHEAD OF YOU, AGENT 13!
WAAK
KWAAK
UUUKK--
BRAATATAT ATATATAT

HE'S BETTER THAN THEY SAID.
THEY WON'T HOLD HIM OFF LONG...
"...THEY NEED TO BE SHOWN THE WAY."
YOU NEED TO GO NOW... MY QUEEN.
GIVE HIM NOTHING, BRENTLY...WE'LL SAVE YOU WHEN WE CAN.
DON'T RISK THE MISSION FOR ANY OF US, YOUR HIGHNESS...
AND THEY WILL BE...

SKAAAASH
ZAAM
BLAAZZM
BZAAAAM
WHAAAK
KRAK
KNNCH
UUTT--!
YOU CLEAR BACK HERE?
YEAH... BUT I THINK I MISSED SOMEONE...

THERE WAS A FLASH FROM THIS... DEVICE...
...RIGHT BEFORE I SMASHED IN HERE...
TELEPORT TECHNOLOGY?
THAT'S BEYOND THE CAPABILITIES OF MOST A.I.M. CELLS.
I WAS THINKING THE SAME THING.
WHICH MEANS...
THEY LEARNED STUFF... IN JIMMY'S DREAM-WORLD.
THAT'S NOT THE ONLY BAD NEWS...
MOST OF THEIR OPERATIVES OUT HERE?
THEY'RE IN REGULAR HYDRA UNIFORMS...
...NOT THE HYBRID VERSIONS OUR NEW OLD FRIENDS ARE WEARING.
LOOKS LIKE WE STUMBLED INTO SOME KINDA DEAL BEIN' MADE...

STOP BROODING, STEVE...
...NICK WILL CALL THE SECOND HE FINDS ANYTHING.
YOU STAYING UP ANOTHER NIGHT WON'T ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING.
IT'S JUST, BRAVO AND HIS PEOPLE HAVE TECH LIKE WE'VE RARELY SEEN BEFORE...
THEY'RE ARMED UP AND RUNNING FREE...
...SO WHY DO THEY STILL NEED JIMMY?
I DON'T KNOW... BUT I'D PUT A BET ON US FIGURING IT OUT TOMORROW...
IF YOU LET US GET TO SLEEP...

...WHAT'S THAT... NOISE...?
HOLY #&$%@...
AH, MISS CARTER... YOU'RE AS ENCHANTING AS EVER.
I'M SORRY, YOU SEEM TO HAVE MISTAKEN ME FOR... SOMEONE ELSE...
OR...DO I KNOW YOU?

OF COURSE YOU DO...
...I'M THE MAN OF YOUR DREAMS.
I MEAN, COME ON... ISN'T THIS WHAT YOU WANT?
ACTION AND INTRIGUE AND EXCITEMENT...
...ISN'T IT ALL SO DAMNED ROMANTIC?

IT'S A GOOD APPROXIMATION, I'LL GIVE YOU THAT...
...BUT THESE AREN'T MY DREAMS.
AH...THEN YOU DON'T JUST LOOK LIKE HER.
I'M GLAD WE MET, SHARON... SEE'YA SOON.
HEY!
HEY!
YOU OKAY?
YEAH... I JUST...
HE WAS IN MY DREAM...
WHAT? WHO WAS...?

SMASH!
STEVE!
YOU REMEMBER ME, DON'T YOU, ROGERS?!
MY NEW FRIEND TOLD ME IT WAS YOU!
YOU STOLE MY DREAM!
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THE BIGGER THEY ARE,
THE HARDER THEY HIT!